

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19

**DESIGNATING THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRUST FUND
COMMISSION AS THE AUTHORIZED ENTITY UNDER THE HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH ACT
OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, is authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (hereafter “ARRA”) to award grants to facilitate and expand the electronic movement and use of health information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards; and

WHEREAS, under ARRA Section 3013, the State may designate a Qualified State-Designated Entity to apply for and receive North Carolina’s share of the Health Information Technology grant and loan funds under the ARRA; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission (hereafter “Health and Wellness Trust Fund”) is charged by North Carolina General Statutes to administer the provisions of Chapter 147, Article 6C of the North Carolina General Statutes, which includes addressing the health needs of vulnerable and underserved populations and developing a comprehensive, community-based plan with goals and objectives to improve the health and wellness of the people of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Wellness Trust Fund has an excellent reputation investing in programs and partnerships that address access, prevention, education, and research to help all North Carolinians achieve better health; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Wellness Trust Fund has established a North Carolina Health Information Technology Collaborative, and the members of such Collaborative will be appointed by me, in consultation with the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Chair, to include partners from the public, private, and non-profit sector; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Health Information Technology Collaborative will make recommendations regarding the North Carolina Health Information Technology Action Plan and applications for federal Health Information Technology funds.

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

The North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, by and through the North Carolina Health Information Technology Collaborative, is hereby designated on behalf of the State of North Carolina as the Qualified State-Designated Entity to apply for and administer grants made available by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.


This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.




Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State
